



Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery & Conservation Center

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Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery and Conservation Center lies in the historic and biologically rich White River Valley. It rears approximately 1.2 million rainbow and brown trout annually, and is the only facility in Missouri that raises brown trout for distribution statewide.

The Hatchery

- Learn about the trout life cycle from spawning to their release.
- Visit the Conservation Center to learn more about trout culture, aquatic life, fishing and aquatic resource management.
- Aquarium viewing allows visitors a chance to see trout “eye to eye” and get a close-up look at native Ozark fish.



Area features

Trails access a variety of natural settings, from the shoreline of Lake Taneycomo to the high rock bluffs overlooking the White River. These rock bluffs support glade species such as the rare Ashe's juniper, found only in the Ozarks and one other area in the United States. You might also catch a glimpse of the collared lizard or “Mountain Boomer.”

Things to do

- Take a guided or self-guided tour of the hatchery.
- Hike the trails, take a self-guided photography excursion or visit Lake Taneycomo to picnic or fish.

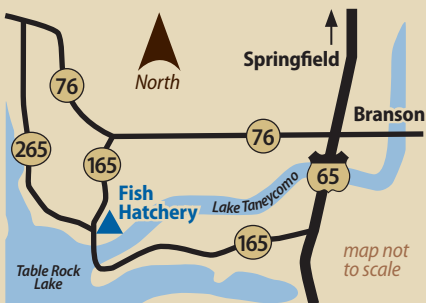
Hours *(Open all holidays except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day)*

- Sept.–June: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Memorial Day–Labor Day: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tours Guided hatchery tours are available Monday–Friday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. during June, July and August. Self-guided tours are available year round. Admission is free.

Directions

The Hatchery and Conservation Center are located on Hwy 165, four miles south of Branson, below the dam at Table Rock Lake.



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